Startling Declaration by Rear Admiral Mason.

NAVAL MAGAZINES EMPTY

Will Probably Have to Discontinue Target Practice.

NEW SHIPS OF LITTLE VALUE

Should War Break Out Soon Present Conditions Continued Would

Lead to Disaster.

"Should war break out within the next few years the condition of the navy will be such as to lead to disaster." Such is the statement made by Rear Ad-

miral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, Navy Department, in a statement to the Secretary of the Navy calling attention to the reduction in the estimates of the bureau of ordnance made by the House committee on naval affairs.

Admiral Mason says that more than \$12,-000,000 has been cut out of the estimates and he describes the condition of the bureau as "little short of desperate" for the coming year.

May Give Up Target Practice.

He says there is not now and that there will be no reserve ammunition available for any of the important guns. It will probably be necessary to discontinue target practice and new ships may have to be put in commission without sufficient ammunition or ordnance stores. There will be no reserve guns, torpedoes or reserve mines on hand, and range finders and the money

to buy them are lacking.

After pointing out that Congress provides for increases in the navy without making provision for additional ordnance and ordnance stores. Admiral Mason says: "The evil effects of this practice are accumulative and the resulting lack of effi-ciency has been increasing steadily for the last few years, until today the situation is so serious that the bureau believes that it would be guilty of the gravest dereliction in the performance of its duty to the people, to Congress and to the department did it not, utmost respect, but in plain and unmistakable language, place itself on rec-ord as having laid the actual facts as they exist before all those who are in a position to ameliorate the very dangerous conditions which now exist."

Naval Efficiency Menaced.

A striking passage in the plea of Rear Admiral Mason is the following: . "The people of this country believe, and justly, that, ship for ship, our navy is as efficient as any other, but this efficiency disappears the minute it becomes impossible to replace aboard ship such stores and articles as are necessary for use in war, and which may be or are expended or damaged in use. That minute is upon us now, in spite of the bureau's best efforts, and we stand today with empty storehouses and magazines, so far as modern reserve material is concerned. That efficiency of the navy which the country justly expects and demands is not in existence, so far as ordnance material is concerned, and the navy will be found wanting unless the deficiencies are made good with out delay. That this condition actually exists the people have never been informed. The bureau believes that it should be placed before Congress in the plainest and most convincing language, in order that there may be no failure there to understand the actual conditions which exist."

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Resolution to Fix Adjournment for Monday Defeated.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 19.-Bishop Duncan presided today at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. A resolution fixing the time of final adjournment for next Monday was tabled. W. E. Williams of the northwest Texas conference offered a protest against the action of the conference in voting for a committee to revise the articles of faith. A discussion followed, and finally a committee was named to make reply to the protest. A telegram of greeting from the Presbyterian general assembly at Greenville, S. C., was read as follows:

"The general assembly of the Presby-terian Church of the United States sends fraternal greetings. Read Ephesians, third chapter, seventh to twenty-first verses, in-clusive. Allen G. Hall, moderator; W. A. Alexander, stated clerk."

A resolution was adopted to the effect that

money raised on children's day this year be not applied to the chair of pedagogy, which the conference yesterday decided lish at anderbilt University.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED.

Portion of Old Hotel Barton Sold for \$88,833.56.

By a deed placed on record today William B. Hibbs conveyed to the Swartzell, Rheem & Hensey Company a part of the old Hotel Barton property, on the east side of 15th street between New York avenue and H street. The parcel conveyed is deas lot 11 and a part of lot 10 in square 222 and fronts about 38 feet on 16th street. The consideration given in the deed is \$88,833.56.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERS.

Telegram From Texas Provoked Laughter and Applause.

DECATUR, Ill., May 19.-Laughter and applause greeted a telegram received by the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly this morning from the colored Cumberland Presbyterian assembly in session at Waco. Texas. It quoted the text, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Southern Presbyterian assembly also telegraphed greetings. The moderator announced a long list of committees.

A Louisiana delegate created a mild sensation by announcing that he had been converted from the loyalist to the union side. Two additional union commissioners arrived, thus increasing the union majority. As no business was ready, the assembly adjourned to give the committees the after-

adjourned to give the committees the aftermoon in which to work.

Before Judge Johns the argument in the
injunction suit was continued at length by
Judge Gaut for the defendants, who was
followed by Judge Menzir for the plaintiffs.
The court room was crowded with auditors,
though most of the commissioners remained
at the church until adjournment.

Washington College Commencement. The commencement exercises of Washington College, 3d and T streets northeast, have been announced for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 26, 27 and 28. On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a concert will be given and on Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be reached by Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor

Fifth Baptist Church.

Monday the class-day exercises occur at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and in the evening at 8 o'clock the commencement exercises will be held, followed by an address by Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, United States navy, retired.

The Baltimore Sails for Anokland. The Navy Department was advised today of the departure of the cruiser Baltimore

WORKING FORCE BUSY WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS [140 CDO

ARRANGING CONVENTION HALL NOTABLE PLEA BY BRITISH AD-OR MASONIC FESTIVAL.

A large force of workmen is engaged tobower of beauty and mystery for the opening of the Masonic May festival, which will begin next Monday evening with a grand May ball. Added to the list of guests already mentioned will be Mr. Nicholas Longworth, representative from Ohio, and his wife, formerly Miss Alice Roosevelt; Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon and others.

The special features committee of the board of control met at headquarters in The Star building last evening and rounded up its work. The chairman, Mr. Louis C. Wilson, stated that complete plans had been made for his part of the festival program, and the arrangement of the audi-torium will be such as to present a wonderful picture in a constantly moving pan-orama of events and laugh-provoking fea-tures. It will be a genuine carnival of fun from the beginning to the ending, Mr. Wil-

Mr. Thomas C. Noyes, chairman of the board of control, has called a meeting of the general festival committee, comprising about 200 members, for noon Monday at Convention Hall, and he hopes that all the members will attend, as matters of importance will be considered. The meeting will be called to order at 12:15 o'clock

Program for the Smokers.

A varied program for the smokers has been prepared and embraces a large number of entertaining features, including boxing and wrestling bouts, acrobatic stunts and several original forms of fun making. The smokers will be held each evening in Armory Hall, which is con-nected with Convention Hall by a wide nected with Convention Hall by a wide and safe bridge. The admission fee will be small, and each patron will be pre-sented with a good cigar. The arrange-ments are being made by Mr. A. E. Burk-lin and his associates.

One of the chief attractions of the fes-

tival will be the loan exhibition of a large and beautiful work of art, which will be shown in a separate and espe-cially arranged booth. This painting is an original conception, entitled "Ruins of King Solomon's Temple," by Ambrose Macneil. It is owned by Benzabee Con-sistory, No. 1, A. and A. S. R., of Savan-nah, Ga., and was loaned for this special

TENNIS AT CHEVY CHASE. Annual Spring Tournament for Club

The annual spring tennis tournament for members of the Chevy Chase Club began this afternoon, with the contestants paired as follows: Men's singles-E. C. Hold against E. W.

Donn, jr., L. W. Glazebrook against H. B. Rowland, A. W. Cooley against W. C. Morow, W. P. Gresson against J. M. Carlisle J. H. Mertiman against J. F. J. Archibald. F. D. Poe against T. J. D. Fuller, A. J. Bradley against C. B. Brown, W. B. Wood against C. R. Wilson, P. Gassett, against G. H. Grosvenor, F. Newbold against O.

Mixed doubles-Miss Fremont vs. F. B Poe, Miss — vs. C. R. Wilson, Miss Foulke and C. B. Brown vs. Miss Seckendorff and L. W. Glazebrook, Miss New-lands and W. B. Wood vs. Miss Ferguson and W. P. Gresson, Miss Sanger and W. C. Morrow vs. Miss Oliver and J. M. Car-

C. B. and F. B. Poe vs. Grosvenor and Wood, C. K. Poe and Thompson vs. Roland and Harrison, Glazebrook and Morrow vs. Huidekoper and Carlisle, Merriam and Perin vs. Gresson and Johnson, Newbold and Wilson vs. Donn and Glaynor, and the winner of this match will play Warner and

IN MEMORY OF COLUMBUS.

House Committee Votes to Report the Goulden Bill. Change Ordered in Major Butts' Resi-The House committee on the library today dence

authorized a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Goulden of New York appropriating \$100,000 for the ertction of a memorial to Christopher Columbus. The decision as to whether the memorial will take the form of a building. a statue or a monument is left to a commission of five members consisting of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the chairman of the House committee on the library, the chairman of the Senate committee on the library and the president of the Knights of Columbus. The bill was reported today, as tomorrow is the 400th anniversary of the death of Colum-

FIRST UNION LABOR BANK. Opened at Chicago Today With \$2,000,000 Capital.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The Commonwealth Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago's first union labor banking institution, opened its doors today. The bank is organized under the laws of Arizona, and has an authorized capital of \$2,000,000 divided into shares of \$5 each. This capitalization has been reduced to \$500,000, half of which has been subscribed for.

The managing officers of the bank are practical bankers and men of long expe-rience. The board of directors is composed of men who are prominent in the labo

MT. GRETNA DESIGNATED.

Site of Proposed Camp of the Eastern Regulars and Militia.

Maj. Gen. James F. Wade, commanding the Atlantic military division, advised the War Department today that he has selected Mount Gretna, Pa., as the site for the pro posed maneuvers in which the troops in the Department of the East and the various militia organizations of the northeastern states will participate this year in case Congress makes a suitable appropriation. This is the last of the six camps to be designated in the United States for the concentration of the regulars and militiamen. A site near Plattsburg, N. Y., was also considered by Gen. Wade, and it had been reported persistently that the New York site would doubtless be selected. The Mount Gretna camp has been used by Pennsylvania troops for many encampments.

SHUT OUT HER OPPONENT.

Miss Sutton's Great Record at Tennis Playing.

BOSTON, May 19 .- Not a single game did Miss May Sutton, the international woman's tennis champion, allow her oppo-nent in the finals today in the invitation singles tournament at Longwood. She defeated Miss Marion Fenno of this city with ease inside of half an hour. Of the twelve games played only three went to deuce Twice Miss Fenno was within one point of winning a game, but Miss Sutton easily evened matters up and won. The sum-

Invitation singles, final round:
Miss May Sutton defeated Miss Marion
Fenno, 6-0, 6-0.
Miss Sutton will participate in an exhibition match at woman's doubles. Miss
Sutton and Miss Fenno played against Miss
Sears and Miss Stevenson.

Diplomats Now at Winnipeg. Mr. Nabuco, the Brazilian amba and Vicount de Alte, the Portuguese min ister, who have been on an extensive trip through the western part of the United States and Canada, will return to Washington about May M. They are in Winnipeg at present, and will stop at Ottawa and Montreal before returning to the United

VOCATES TO PREMIER.

LONDON, May 19 .- Excerted by forty at nearly 400 w suffragists, representing organizations in all parts of the country, interviewed Promier Campbell-Bannerman at the foreign office today and presented their claims that women be allowed to vote. Only eight members of the numerous deputations were allowed to speak, and in accordance with a previous arrangement each speaker was limited to five minutes. But in the aggregate of forty minutes the premier heard about all there was to hear in favor of female suffrage.

The immediate grant of women's rights was the unanimous demand of the speakers, some of whom presented to the premier "their minimum demands," claiming
that immediate legislation bestowing on
women the right to vote was necessary,
and declaring that a promise to take the
matter up at the next session of parliament would not satisfy them.

Each speaker menacingly declared that
the women were prepared to sacrifice their
lives in behalf of their demands.

The premier smiled upon this strangely

The premier smiled upon this strangely assorted gathering of women, including as it did ladies of title, side by side with factory employes, and said he sympathized with the object of the deputation, but asked his visitors to be patient until the government became more united in favor of the extension of the franchise to women.

Women Made Out Good Case. The cause, he added, had made enormous strides of late years. Personally he believed that women were as well qualified as men, and perhaps better, to exercise the right to vote, and in his opinion the deputation had made out a conclusive and irre-

futable case.

Speaking for others, however, as well as himself, the premier pointed out that it was necessary to preach the virtue of patience. Only harm would result if, because of his own sympathies and convictions, he gave a pledge regarding the time and method of achieving the object they had in view. No party or government was entirely united on this subject. He warned the women against indiscreet action, which he said probably would check the flowing tide, and advised them to leave the matter confidently to the growing strength of their

The premier wound up his remarks with saying that he believed it would not be many years before the desired change was brought about. This reference to "years" was met with hisses from the members of the deputation, who left the foreign office

evidently greatly dissatisfied.

The arrival of the deputation at the foronstration, contingents of women from various local churches marching with ban-ners flying and bands playing to the Victoria embankment, whence, accompanied by an interested crowd of onlookers, the omen marched to the foreign office

VIOLATED THE RULES.

Charge Made Against Barber in Y. M. C. A. Building.

Because he failed to live up to the regulations of the building, and particularly, it is alleged, because he made some bets on the horse races, Arthur Chaims, who conducts the barber shop of the Y. M. C. A., located in the basement of the new building at 1736 G street northwest, was ordered out of the building yesterday by officials of the association, and in the presence of an officer the barber left, it is said.

It is alleged that besides making bets the barber allowed smoking in the shop, and in other ways violated the rules of the building. When the house committee met it concluded to give the barber notce to leave, and he was so notified, but he hesitated. An officer was called in, and the officials of the association proceeded to the shop and ordered the barber out. He left at once.

CONTENTION UPHELD.

The contention of Major Frank A. Butts

of 2010% 15th street northwest, that his residence should be designated by a full number instead of a half number, has been upheld by the Commissioners, and Engineer Commissioner Biddle today recommended that the inspector of buildings be directed to require a change in the numbers of the houses in the block in question so that all the houses will have a whole number. Arguments for and against the proposed change in house numbers were heard at a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners hearing before the Board of Commissioners last Wednesday, the principal objections from owners of houses between 2012 15th street and the end of the block being that any change would entail not so much expense as inconvenience through the necessary changes of their addresses on deeds and insurance papers, and in the city and telephone directories, and on their station-

telephone directories, and on their station-ery and cailing cards.

The reasons advanced in favor of the change met the approval of the Engineer Commissioner, and in his indorsement on the papers he said that the houses on the southern part of the block were built in southern part of the bloca were 1802, leaving a vacant space somewhat over 100 feet in width. According to the custom in regue four numbers of numbering then in vogue four numbers were left for the 100 feet, but when built upon it happened that five houses were placed in the space, and the last one of the

numbered 2010%.

By the change thus authorized by the Commissioners Major Butts' residence will become 2012 15th street, and other property owners beyond him to the north will be required to make changes.

CALLED POACHING BY MEXICO.

Practice of American Fishermen in

Waters of the Gulf. Advices received here to the effect that the three fishing companies operating from headquarters at Pensacola, Mobile and Galveston, are fitting out other schooners to fsh in the Gulf waters have caused some disquiet in view of the announced inten-tion of the Mexican government to selze every foreign vessel taking fish in Mexican waters. It appears that the Mexican gov-ernment asserts that for many years Amerernment asserts that for many years American poachers have been operating within the three-mile limit, and after repeated warnings it has now determined to stop the practice. As the United States has no treaty with Mexico granting our citizens the right to fish within territorial waters there is no ground for protest on the part of the State Department in case of seizures, once the fact is established that the vessels were actually within the marine league of shore.

The department is making an inquiry now to determine that fact in the case of the three vessels recently seized off the coast of Yucatan, and meantime it is hoped that no fresh issues will be made.

Marine Corps Orders.

Capt. Newton H. Hall, from the marine arracks, Washington, D. C., to New York for duty with the marine guard of the Con-necticut. Lieut. Col. J. H. Highee, retired, leave of absence for six months.

Second Lieut. Maurice E. Shearer, from the marine barracks, New York, to the marine barracks, Washington, for duty with a detachment leaving for the Midway Isl-

flecond Lieut. Benjamin A. Lewis, from the Brooklyn to the Maina. Second Lieut. Russell B. Putnam, from the Maine to Washington city, for duty as ald-de-camp to brigadier general command-

First Lieut. Albert N. Brunsell, from this leveland to the marine barracks, Boston. Prison Guard Shot Hims med Almost of Sal

Non-Appearance of Partial Amnesty Decree.

HONOR OF THE EVENT

Caused Disappointment at St. Petersburg Today.

REACTIONISTS HARD AT WORK

Many Protests From Organizations Inspired by Trepoff to Prejudice Welfare of the Douma

ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.-Although 10 was already certain last night that the partial amnesty decree with which it was thought a few days ago the emperor would signalize his birthday would not be promulgated today, nevertheless its failure to appear caused popular disappointment and misgivings.

This was more prenounced as the Official Messenger contained this morning, side by side with the usual batch of promotions and decorations issued on such occasions, two columns of protests from reactionary organizations, inspired by Gen. Trepoff's secret circular to the governors instructing them to have the "black hundred" organizations immediately dispatch to the emperor protests against amnesty, the abolition of the death penalty and concessions to parliament

President Mouromtseff was present at the gala luncheon at the Alexandra palace at Peterhoff today in honor of his majesty's birthday, but he cannot present the address in reply to the speech from the throne except at an audience formally granted for that purpose. It is hardly possible, however, that he can avoid an informal discussion of the situation with the emperor and abers of the court.

British Fleet to Cronstadt.

The reports that Great Britain is arranging to send the channel fleet to Cronstadt this summer is confirmed. Under instructions from his government, C. A. Spring-Rice, the British charge d'affaires, yesterday formally asked the Russian government whether such a visit would be accept able. A reply has not yet been returned but no doubt is entertained that it will be affirmative.

While an attempt is made to explain that the visit has no political significance, but is simply part of the annual cruise of the fleet, which will also visit Norwegian and Swedish ports, the exchange of civilities and festivities at Cronstadt is manifestly intended to foster the sentiment in both countries in favor of an Anglo-Russian understanding. A rapprochement with Russia is now one of the chief aims of British policy and it has warm supporters here, Foreign Minister Iswolsky being committed

There is little expectation, however, that an announcement of a rapprochement will prove the immediate and sensational sequel to the visit as the proclamation of the dual alliance did to the visit of President Faure and the French fleet to Cronstadt in 1897. The negotiations have not yet reached the stage where such an early consummation

Bona Fide Circulation.

Nearly everybody in Washington eads The Sunday Star. Last Sunday's circulation was by far the largest and best in the city and the only sworn circulation in the District of Columbia.

The advertiser is entitled to know the circulation of any paper in which he advertises.

The circulation of The Sunday Star on May 13, 1906, was 32,149.

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents the number of copies of The Sunday Star circulated on May 13. 1906 - that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished and mailed, for valuable consideration, to bons fide purchasers or subscribers, and that none of the copies so counted are free or sample copies and none are returnable except in the case of several hundred sent to suburban agents, from whom a few returns of unsold papers have not yet been

FLEMING NEWBOLD.

Assistant Business Manager. The Evening Star Newspaper Company. Subscribed and sworn to before me this ineteenth day of May, A. D. 1906.

E. E. RAMEY Notary Public.

Circulation of "The Evening Star." The sworn statement below shows that the circulation of The Star is what it is claimed to be. The Star's circulation is much greater than that of any other paper published in Washington, and The Star is read more thoroughly than and has double the number of readers of any other paper published in Washington, whether mornny or evening. Fifteen thousand of The Star's regular subscribers take no other Washington paper whatever, depending upon The Star alone for news and adver-

SATURDAY, May 12, 1906..... 29.154 MONDAY, May 14, 1906...... 35,897 TUESDAY, May 18, 1906...... 36,028 WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1906...... 36,308 THURSDAY, May 17, 1906...... 38,103 PRIDAY, May 18, 1908...... 35,842

Dally average 36,500 I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVENING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, May 18, 1906 — that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished

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Assistant Business Manager,
The Evening Star Newspaper Company. becribed and sworn to before me this insteenth day of May, A. D. 1906.

B. H. RAMBY,

WAR IN ONIO VALLEY EXPROTED HEALTH HERT MONDAY.

DILLONVALE, Ohio, May miners from West Virginia were landed at the Plum Run mine late last night. The Maxim gun in the company's office was rained on the hillsides, where were grouped 00 striking miners.

The cars were switched upon the coal acks and the non-union men one by one filed into the tipple above. Today they are being housed in the cottages left vacant by strikers who have left the district. Superintendent Val Cox said today that

50 miners will be brought in tonight and

Sunday.

The situation hourly grows more perilous. On Monday there will be a big mass meeting at Smithfield. Miners from the three districts will be present, numbering 2,000 or more. National interpreters of the union are coming on from Philadelphia to address the miners in their own tongue. Other officials are expected.

At the very hour of the meeting the United States Coal Company will make its first attempt to run the mines.

"When that attempt is made there will be war in the valley," said Vice President Griggs of the miners' union today. "We do not want trouble. It is the duty of the officials to try to avert it. But I have seen our men in angry mobs before. The

of the officials to try to avert it. But I have seen our men in angry mobs before. The company would better delay action."

Circuit Judge John M. Cook today advised D. C. Peck, justice of the peace of Warren township, that he is empowered to seize all arms and ammunitism in the hands of the guards at the Plum Run mine on the ground that they constitute an armed force invading a peaceable

an armed force invading a peaceable community with malicious intent. Justice Peck complained that the guards are shooting at inoffensive citizens.

Judge Richards of the county court at once dispatched Sheriff Vorhees to scene with Deputy Sheriff Murray,

serve notice that all violators will visited with retribution. Prosecutor Ross Alban this morning conferred with the two judges, and ac-

tion will be taken Monday to prevent bloodshed if possible. General Manager A. G. Williard of Cleveland arrived last night to take personal charge of his forces in the expected battle. A former United States artilleryman is in charge of the rapid-fire gun, and a Cleveland detective agent is in present command of the armed patrol. Crews of the Wheeling and Lake Eric

coal trains have been ordered to report at the mines Monday, ready for the first shipment of coal. The strikers announce that they will try to persuade the railroad men to abandon the trains. Guards for the railroad property will be provided by the "We have orders to shoot and shoot to

kill," was the declaration of the Cleveland leader of the guard today.

Superintendent Cox announces that there will be no bloodshed, except in the last ever, that both sides are prepared for a struggle to the death. It is the avowed intention of the operators to break the union, and the union men say that the mines shall be prevented from running at all costs.

\$100,000 MILL ON FIRE.

Disastrous Conflagration in Philadelphia Today. pecial Dispatch to The Star.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.-A blaze in the coating mill of Thomas Potter, Sons & Co., oilcloth manufacturing plant, near 2d and Venango streets, along the line of the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, caused four alarms for the Philadelphia fire department to be sent in shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

From the neighborhood of the mill it was smoke that no signs of flame could be seen It was not until after the firemen began throwing water on the building that the flames appeared. They spread rapidly from the second floor, where they seemed to have originated, and darted through the windows until the entire upper portion of the structure was ablaze. The mill is said to be valued at \$100,000, the most valuable part of it being the special machinery used for the spreading of the finishing coat of varnish and color on the webbed cloth.

Awards Announced.

The awards made in recent contests to patrons of Potomac Council, Knights of Columbus, were as follows: To E. M. Perkins, silver picture frame; Mrs. M. Kenne gentleman's slippers; Joseph Dawson, engraving; Mary Cavanagh, mandolin; Mrs. Burns, writing desk; M. Rauterberg, sofa pillow; William Newland, ton of coal; Mrs. M. Keady, centerpiece; George F. Chatteway, amethyst rosary; E. Flynn, \$5 in gold; E. Costello, Roman chair; Mrs. M. E. Bute, gentleman's umbrella; Albert Fleschham, hand-painted china; William Owens, Baltimore, Md., rug; Eugene K. Dwyer, barrel of flour.

Suffrage Meeting at Luna Park. Arrangements have been made for a mas meeting to be held at Luna Park June 23,

in support of a measure introduced in Con gress yesterday giving residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote. Representative Champ Clark of Missouri will be the orator of the occasion.

The mass meeting will be under the auspices of the Suffrage League of the District of Columbia, which is back of the movement.

Will of Richard Crowther.

Richard Crowther, by his will dated December 10, 1904, and filed today for probate n the District Supreme Court, devises twothirds of his estate to the National Safe Deposit Savings and Trust Company, in trust for his wife, Sarah Crowther, for the remainder of her natural life. His brothers, Rodney F. Crowther and Llewellyn Crowther, are to receive \$1,000 each, and \$300 is given to Ada Tennant of Baltimore. To his brother, David William Crowther, the testator devises the shooting license granted to their father in England in 1814 and framed in a piece of an old oaken table. The remainder of the estate is to be divided among his brothers, Rodney and Llewellyn Crowther, and the three sons of his brother, David William Crowther. The National Safe Deposit, Savings and Trust Company is named as executor. The testator stipu-lates that his body is to be kept for forty days in a vault before burial.

Refused to Stand Back.

Policeman Adams was standing at the corner of 10th street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest yesterday afternoon waiting for an ambulance from the Emergency Hospital to come for William Hazel, who was found there badly cut from a fall on the pavement, when Robert Brown pushed

"Why don't you carry that man to the hospital, instead of waiting with him here?" Brown said. "Step back and give this man plenty of air," said the officer.

"I won't step back," was the reply. He carried out those tactics and he was arthe Police Court this morning he was d \$5, with fifteen days in the workhous he equivalent, by Judge Mullowny.

Betirement of Lieut. Halpin. Pirst Lieutenant Arthur P. Halpin, 8th Infantry, has been placed on the retired list on account of disability incident to the service. Born in Ireland, he became a cities of California. During the Spanish war he served as second Mentenant, 7th California.

OFFICER REALIZES GRAVITY OF SITUATION.

ed by the gravity of the existing and the reficiency of the ation for the current year "for the vention of the spread of contagious district emergency fund a few days ago, Health Officer Woodward today recom-mended to the Commissioners that steps be taken to have the appropriation for that rpose in the period be eginning July 1 next eased from \$20,300 to \$50,000.

In stating in detail his reasons for the request, Dr. Woodward gave a concise review of the present status of smallpox in "On Saturday, May 12, a case of smallpo

"On Saturday, May 12, a case of smallpox in the pustular stage was discovered on premises 105 D street northwest. From information given by this patient, directly or indirectly, thirteen other cases of smallpox, also in the eruptive stage, some of them just about recovered from the disease, have been found in Twining City and in the southeast portion of Washington. Two other cases, also in the eruptive stage, located also in Southeast Washington, have come to the knowledge of the department since the date named through reports filed by physicians. In none of these cases does the nature of the disease appear to have been suspected or any precautions taken to isolate the patient prior to the time when the health department discovered the ease, or, in those instances in which the cases were reported by physicians, prior to a were reported by physicians, prior to a time when the eruption was considerably

Twenty Patients Under Treatment. "There are now in the smallpox hospital wenty patients suffering from smallpox. What might be termed the normal capacity of the institution is forty-two. A considerable number of persons known to have been exposed to smallpox are under observation, but in view of the entire absence of isolation with respect to many of the cases discovered by the health department, prior to the time of their discovery, a much larger number must exist. Just what the will bring forth, therefore, is unknown.

"The smallpox service is at best expen sive. If, however, there is any considera-ble increase in the number of patients an added item of expense will arise through the necessity for providing additional ac-commodations at the hospital. Arrangements should, in my judgment, be made be-fore Congress adjourns to meet any legiti-mate expense incident to the service during the summer recess of that body. In view of the uncertainty of the situation it is imof the uncertainty of the situation it is impossible to make any accurate estimate of the amount of money that will be required. Presumably the amount carried by the District appropriation bill as it passed the House, \$20,300, will be sufficient. It would seem better and safer, however, if, in view of the unusual situation, the amount could be increased so as certainly to be on the e increased so as certainly to be on the safe side, and \$50,000 appropriated for the purpose named. As the appropriation is for specific purposes, mentioned in the appropriation act and further defined in the several acts providing for the prevention of named communicable diseases, there is no reasonable possibility of extravagance in expenditures

Another Phase.

The health officer also touched on an other phase of the smallpox situation today when he wrote to the Commissioners inviting attention to the schedule of salaries provided by the District appropriation bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, for a medical inspector, a cook, a laundress and an engineer at the Smallpox Hospital. Dr. Woodward stated his belief that it will be impossible to secure competent help, is any, for the salaries provided in the bill to either provide salaries commensurate with the work to be done, or that no po-sitions whatsoever be specifically created by the bill and that the method of oper-atin the Smallpox Hospital be continued as

ZION'S WATCH TOWER. First Structure Built by Dowie Razed

for Sidewalks. CHICAGO, May 19 .- Zion's watch tower the first structure erected by John Alexander Dowie in the city he founded, has been torn down. The lumber is being used to repair sidewalks.

The structure was eighty feet high and was twenty feet square at the base. It stood in the center of Shiloh Park, and when it was put up the site was dedicated to the wonderful temple which some day was to arise there. Dowie is contemplating leaving Zion City

and taking up his residence at Ben Mac-Dhui, his white Lake Michigan house. Emil Dhui, his white Lake Michigan house. Emil C. Wetten, the "apostie's" attorney, visited him last night and urged him to make the change. Dowie is living apart from the other members of his family in Shiloh House. He has given up all idea of holding more public meetings in Zion City.

A cross bill filed by the Voliva attorneys at Waukegan declares that Dowie's administration cost the Zion industries \$2,500,000. Affidavits describe hallucinations and trances of the prohphet in recent months.

PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.

Building Inspector's Recommendation for Safety of Aqueduct Bridge.

Fearing the danger of destruction by fire of the Aqueduct bridge and the loss of life which might accompany such a catstrophe, Building Inspector Ashford has recommended that steps be taken to secure the demolition of a dilapidated frame structure which closely adjoins the bridge on the stone wall between the C. and O. canal and the river. Assistants Storey and Parry of the building inspector's office made an examination of the building and reported it to be in a condition dangerous to life and limb, be-sides being a menace to adjoining prop-

It appears that the house is located out-side the fire limits, and, under ordinary circumstances, the inspectors state, the owner would have the right to put it in of fire, however, they declare, the destruc-tion of the Aqueduct bridge might result, and on this account the recommendation was made that the owner be notified to re-move the structure within twenty-four hours from the time notice is served upon

Following the report of his assistants Mr. Ashford made a personal inspection of the old building, and his statement of its condition closely coincided with that already

"The owner has neglected to remove or strengthen it in response to notice from this office." Inspector Ashford declares, "but signifies his intention of repairing it at some future time. I do not see how a permit could be denied as the structure is outside the fire limits, but its presence almost under the bridge is a serious menace to the bridge structure. Mr. Campbell, the present owner, states that the building is to be repaired for dwelling purposes. If there is any way to prevent the reconstruction of a frame structure so close to the bridge I would advise that it be done."

Mr. Ashford recommends that the papers in the case be forwarded to the surveyor. District of Columbia, and the corporation counsel to ascertain, if possible, whether the land upon which the building stands cannot be claimed as a part of the bridge property, and in this the Commissioners concur. "The owner has neglected to remove or

Contributed Through Red Cross. There was a large crowd in attendance at

ATTEMPT TO BUN MINES WANTS LARGER FUND AT THE WHITE HOUSE

House Expected to Put Through

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LACEY'S TENTH NOMINATION

One of the Few Iowa Men Who Do Not Have to Fight for

Their Seats.

The House will put through the rate bill without much loss of time. The House onferees may "chew the rag" for a few lays, just to be in fashion, but there is no nclination on the part of the leaders of that side of Congress to balk at the changes nade in the Hepburn bill since it left them. "Colonel" Pete Hepburn himself said tolay that although his pet measure had been somewhat disfigured while in the Sen-

ate ring, it was still recognizable, and there was at least the satisfaction of knowing that a rate bill had gone through. Refresentative Hepburn was one of the House leaders in conference with the President today. The others were Speaker Cannon, Representative Grosvenor and Representative Mann. Speaker Cannon exhibited a spirit of approval of the Senate bill as it had gone back to the House, although he said that he had not read the details and had

he had not read the details and had simply accepted the newspaper accounts. The fact that he is satisfied shows that no fight may be expected by the House conferees when they report to that body. The conferences with the President to-day were evidently for the purpose of ascertaining what he thought of the bill as it now stands and whether he desires elimination of any of the Senate features. The President expressed himself as pleased with the measure as it passed the Sen-ate, and this ought to put an end to a prolonged struggle between the House and Senate conferees. In fact, practically no struggle is expected, and the opinion prevails that in ten days or two weeks the President will have the rate bill be-fore him for signature.

Senators Were Scarce. Senators were scarce around the White

House during the day, and, curiously enough, the most noted member of the upper house to see the President was Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, one of the three senators alleged to have come under the suspicion of the President in connection with rate matters. Senator Spooner, however, has not showed any belief in the alleged accusation, as he has visited the President several times since the speech of Senator Tillman last Saturday.

ces and exchanged compliments. Speaker, bristling with energy and his face radiant with health, told the newspaper men: "I haven't a bit of news; I am as dry as a hore." men: "I haven't a bit of hews, I am dry as a bone."

"Well, you are about the juiciest bone I have ever seen," put in Senator Spooner.

Senator Beverldge was another senator who spent some time with the President. He is said to have reported to the President the results of the efforts for an agreement between the Senate and House on the

Senator Spooner and Speaker Cannot got together on the steps of the executive of-

ment between the Senate and House on the statehood bill. On statehood matters Mr. Beverldge is regarded by the President as an authority.

Mr. Lacey's Tenth Nomination. Representative Lacey of Iowa talked with the President about some matters pending in the House. Mr. Lacey is preparing to leave for Iowa, to be present at the republican congressional convention of his district, at which he will be nominated by acclamation. This will make the tenth nomination Mr. Lacey has received by ac-clamation, and testifies to his popularity and strength in his district. At the close of this Congress Mr. Lacey will have served eighteen years in the House. He is one of the few Iowa men who does not have to fight for his seat in the House.

Delegates to Rio Janeiro. President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of ex-Gov. Andrew J. Monague of Virginia and Paul S. Reinech of Wisconsin as delegates to the third international conference of American states, to be held at Rio Janeiro in July. The appointment of ex-Gov. Montague is a personal selection of the President, who re-gards the former chief executive of Vir-ginia as a man of strong intellect and splen-

did accomplishments. The two Virginia sen-ators gave their assent to the appointment. The Jamestown Exposition.

Ex-Representative Tucker, president of the Jamestown exposition, was at the White House and State Department today. Mr. Tucker was informed by Secretary Root that the latter had cabled to Ambassador Wright to take up with the Japanese government the matter of participation in the exposition. Japan is the only large government that has not signified its intention of being represented at Jamestown, both in the naval and industrial features. It is understood, though, that the acceptance of the invitation to take part has simply been delayed, and the efforts of Ambassador Wright

will no doubt bring the matter to a successful conclusion. President Tucker said today that he is depending upon the Senate to put in a large appropriation for Jamestown and be-Heves that the House will accept the action of the Senate. It looks certain that the

of the Senate. It tooks certain that the House will not favorably act upon the committee's report in behalf of the exposition, the hostility of Speaker Cannon being the real stumbling block.

Mr. Aoki, the new Japanese ambassador, called on the President yesterday afternoon and presented him with a beautiful gift and presented him with a beautiful gift from the Emperor of Japan, a piece of steel armor elaborately embellished. It will be placed in the White House because of its historic value. It formerly belonged to a feudal Japanese lord named Odasawara, who was prominently identified with Japanese listens 200 years ago.

Nese history 300 years ago.
Senor Casasus, the Mexican ambassador, paid a call on the President preparatory to leaving the city for the summer.

On Charge of Larceny. A charge of larceny was preferred against George Moran, twenty-one years of age, who was arrested last night and locked up by Detectives Muller and Cornwell, Moran is a painter by trade, and was recently employed in the house of John cently employed in the house of John Schlotterback, 207 F street northeast, and, it is alleged, he stole a pin and a rifle. The pin was returned, but the detectives found the rifle at the home of the defendant, 1529 K street southeast. Moran said he took the rifle because he thought it was worthless and that Mr. Schlotterback did not want-it, Judge Kimball will hear the testimony in the case Monday morning.

Slight Fire. The fire department received a call for assistance at the house of Mrs. Walter Kaye, 1258 Morse street northeast, this morning about 11:15 o'clock. Gasoline that was being used for cleaning purposes ex-ploged and caused a slight blaze. Mrs. Kaye, while attempting to extinguish the blaze, was slightly burned about her face and arms. She was taken to the Casualty Hospital and given treatment.

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